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11. (SBU) We delivered reftel summary to Karine Afrikian, head of the United States and Canada desk at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and asked for suggestions on possible projects to promote the empowerment of women. After the meeting and at Afrikian's request, we sent her an electronic version of the summary for distribution to women parliamentarians.

12. (SBU) Per reftel request, the following are Armenian leaders who have demonstrated interest in women's issues:

- Justice Minister Davit Harutyunian
 - Culture and Youth Affairs Minister Hasmik Poghosyan (a woman)
 - Labor and Social Affairs Deputy Minister Tamara Gevorgyan
 - Lala Ghazaryan, head of the Department of Family, Women and Children's Issues at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (a woman)
 - Hranush Kharatyan, head of the Department for National Minorities and Religious Affairs
 - Republican (ruling coalition) MP Hranush Hakobyan (a woman)
 - Lilit Shakaryan of the MFA's International Organizations Department (point of contact for women's issues at the MFA).
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